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DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE FOR 1995-1996

Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1995-1996, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1995-1996 is considered by the Committee.

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ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1995-1996 a/

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council b/

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1997-1998

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made during the first half of the 1990s (General Assembly resolution 45/181 of 21 December 1990) c/

Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/51 of 29 July 1993) c/

Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan (Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/45 and A/C.2/49/L.15) c/

Preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the WHO on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.26/Rev.1 c/

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Financing of development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of the potential sources of development (General Assembly resolution 48/187 of 21 December 1993)

(b) Long-term trends in social and economic development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 (General Assembly resolution 43/194 of 20 December 1988)

(c) External debt crisis and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.12

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Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.23 on the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

(a) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.34 (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on negotiations on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (General Assembly resolution 48/167 of 21 December 1993)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/168 on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 48/169 of 21 December 1993)

(b) Human settlements

Documentation — Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977, 43/180 and 43/181 of 20 December 1988) c/

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/179 of 21 December 1993

(d) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/171 of 21 December 1993 and A/C.2/49/L.65

(e) Women in development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987) c/

(f) Human resources development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/205 of 21 December 1993

(g) Business and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on policies and activities related to entrepreneurship, privatization, demonopolization and administrative deregulation (General Assembly resolution 48/180 of 21 December 1993)

(h) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 47/196 of 22 December 1992 and A/C.2/49/L.53

(i) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in the work of the Preparatory Committee for the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolutions 47/180 of 22 December 1992 and A/C.2/49/L.61)

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 47/180)

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, including the Programme's activities in environmental monitoring (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 and 48/192 of 21 December 1993) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/174 of 21 December 1993 on the strengthening of the United Nations Environment Programme

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 34/173 of 17 December 1979) c/

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975)

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development on its third session (General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.25/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.30 on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in

Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(b) Desertification and drought

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (General Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973, 32/172 of 19 December 1977, 40/209 of 17 December 1985 and 48/175 of 21 December 1993) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.19 on the observance of World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas

Documentation — Report of the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/215 on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (General Assembly decisions 48/445 of 21 December 1993 and A/C.2/49/L.24)

Report of the Secretary-General on the steps taken and on problems encountered in the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.20 on unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Fisheries bycatch and discards and their impact on the sustainable use of the world's living marine resources (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.50/Rev.1)

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation: Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.9 on the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation: Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.37/Rev.1)

Item 5. Operational activities for development

Documentation: Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including information on the United Nations Development Programme and the Human Development Report (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.51)

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation: Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and Council resolution 1994/33) c/

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

United Nations field offices (General Assembly resolution 48/209 of 21 December 1993)

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation: Report of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of technical cooperation among developing countries in the United Nations development system and on the follow-up of General Assembly resolution 48/172

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/173 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution 48/164)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.49 on the proposed conference on South-South cooperation

Item 6. Training and research

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.59

Item 7. Agenda for development

Documentation No advance documentation requested (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.41)

Item 8. Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.45

Item 9. United Nations conference on international migration and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.47

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the conference (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.47)

Item 10. Implementation of the programme of action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.67 c/

Item 11. World conference on public administration and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (A/C.2/49/L.35)

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council e/

United Nations Population Award

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982)

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 45/199, 47/152, 48/185 and A/C.2/49/L.6)

(c) Net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.7)

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 47/180)

(a) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.31)

Report of the Secretary-General on specific measures in favour of island developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.36)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the

implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.64 on the transit system of the newly independent and developing land-locked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

(b) Food and agricultural development

Documentation Report of the World Food Council c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.62

(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181 and A/C.2/49/L.44)

(d) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/177 of 22 December 1992 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.39 on industrial development cooperation

(e) Cultural development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress in the implementation of the Decade (General Assembly resolutions 41/187, 44/238, 45/189, 46/157 and A/C.2/49/L.33) c/

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Commodities (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.29)

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/215 on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (General Assembly decision 48/445)

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fourth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992)

Item 5. Operational activities for development

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 6. Training and research

United Nations University

Documentation — Report of the Council of the United Nations University, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.42 c/

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.42)

Item 7. World conference on public administration and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/49/L.35)

Notes

a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1995.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

d/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1996 will be updated in 1995, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

e/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1996.